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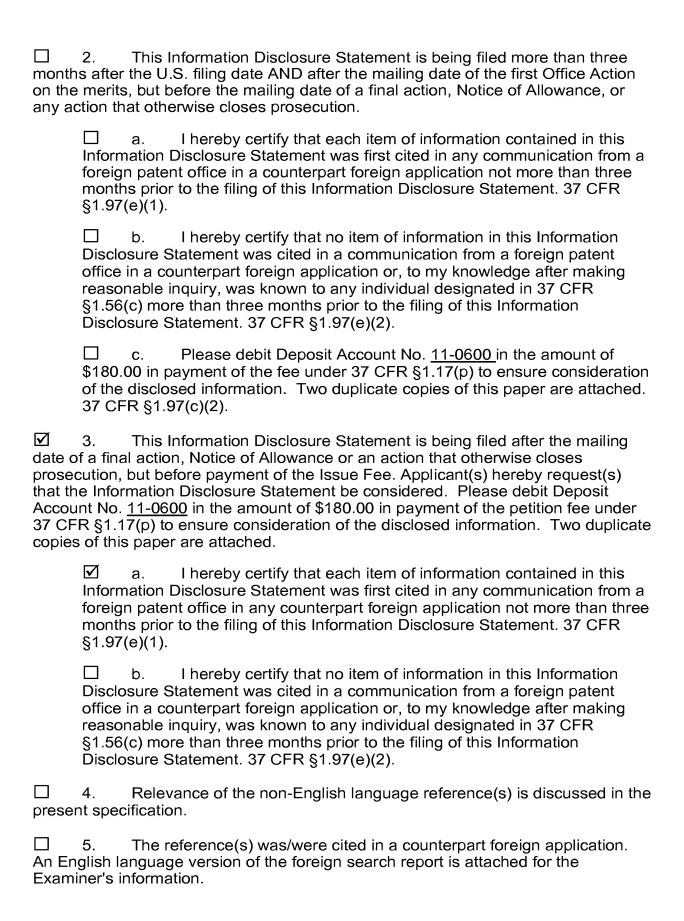
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US 6,149,817 262870.	on the attached I	PTO/SB/08 is a counterpart patent of JP 2000-
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